

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Library News Release

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As part of its celebration of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week, Shelton State Community College will celebrate the opening of the library on the C.A. Fredd Campus. This is the first library to be housed on that campus and the college is pleased to offer a range of new library and media services to students and faculty located at that site. The celebration will be at 3:00 p.m. on September 26 in the library. Members of the C.A. Fredd State Technical College Foundation will be honored for their financial support of this project.

The Fredd Campus Library was established during the semester break in June 1995. It houses approximately 900 volumes of reference and circulating books, 20 periodical subscriptions, as well as audiovisual equipment. Services include circulation of materials, library orientation, inter-campus library loans, reserves, and student viewing. It is staffed by Jean Mack, a full-time User Services Secretary, and S.N. Gaines, a full-time Media Technician who has served the Fredd Campus for many years.

Library support services, such as catalog maintenance and acquisitions, are centralized at the Skyland Boulevard Campus, while administrative support is provided through the existing library and college organizational structure. Professional librarians are available on campus at designated times each week. Dr. Deborah Grimes, Shelton State's Director of Library Services, says, "This is another opportunity to serve our college community. We are especially pleased to have received the support of the Fredd Foundation for this project so that library services are being provided where there have been no services before."

The collections are being developed to support the occupational/technical programs that are based on the Fredd Campus, with a feature collection of career and job skills materials. Additional current information sources will soon be provided through two CD-ROM databases, Broadcast News and Vocational Abstracts, which provide full-text resources.

Shelton State's electronic library catalog, called Shelby, has been extended to the Fredd Campus with one staff terminal and one Public Access (PAC) terminal, which provides information on all library holdings, regardless of campus location. Users can make online requests for materials as well as verbal requests of library personnel. PAC features also include an online dictionary and thesaurus as well as online reading lists tailored to reflect class assignments. Shelby is a product of Dynix, Inc., a subsidiary of Ameritech Library Services.

Funding for the extension of Shelby to the Fredd Campus was provided by the C.A. Fredd State Technical College Foundation, as one its last major contributions to the College. In addition, this funding has enabled the College to activate a new service, DIALPAC, which provides dial access to Shelby for library users both on and off campus through computer/modem connections.

